

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of April 5, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the integrated circuit comprises a tamper detection line which is arranged to obscure operation of the non-volatile memory. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs [8198]-[8223] of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

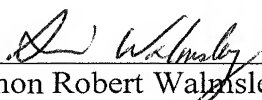
Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Gilbert et al. (US 7,165,177), because Gilbert merely discloses a non-volatile memory and does not further disclose or suggest arranging a tamper detection line to obscure the operation of the non-volatile memory, as is required by amended independent claim 1.


It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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